

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A tablet storage and take-out apparatus for storing plural kinds of tablets, filling the tablets of kind and number according to a prescription data in a vial and taking out the vial, the apparatus comprising a photographing means for photographing the interior of the vial before attaching the cap on the vial after filling the vial with the tablets.

2. (Original) The tablet storage and take-out apparatus as in Claim 1, further comprising:

a focus control sensor for irradiating the surface of the filled tablets in the vial; and

a focus control means for focus controlling the photographing means according to the detection value of the focus control sensor;

wherein the photographing data of the photographing means after focus controlling by the focus control means is transferred to a control section of the tablet storage and take-out apparatus.

3.(Currently Amended) The tablet storage and take-out apparatus as in Claim 1-~~or~~2, further comprising an initializing means for initializing the photographing means in accordance with a command from the control section.

4.(Currently Amended) The tablet storage and take-out apparatus as in claim 1, ~~any one of Claims 1 to 3~~, further comprising a contrast control means for controlling the contrast of the

photographing means in accordance with a command from the control section.

5.(Original) The tablet storage and take-out apparatus as in Claim 2, wherein the focus control sensor is one which irradiates multiple times the surface of the filled tablets in the vial, and wherein the focus control means adopts as the detection value the mean value of the multiple detection values of the focus control sensor.

6.(Currently Amended) The tablet storage and take-out apparatus as in claim 1, ~~any one of Claims 1 to 5~~, further comprising a supporting member for supporting the photographing means on the body of the tablet storage and take-out apparatus, the supporting means being movable horizontally in front and rear and left and right directions and also movable vertically.

7.(New) The tablet storage and take-out apparatus as in claim 2, further comprising an initializing means for initializing the photographing means in accordance with a command from the control section.

8.(New) The tablet storage and take-out apparatus as in claim 2, further comprising a contrast control means for controlling the contrast of the photographing means in accordance with a command from the control section.

9.(New) The tablet storage and take-out apparatus as in claim 3, further comprising a contrast control means for controlling the contrast of the photographing means in accordance with a command from the control section.

10.(New) The tablet storage and take-out apparatus as in claim 2, further comprising a supporting member for supporting the photographing means on the body of the tablet storage and take-out apparatus, the supporting means being movable horizontally in front and rear and left and right directions and also movable vertically.

11.(New) The tablet storage and take-out apparatus as in claim 3, further comprising a supporting member for supporting the photographing means on the body of the tablet storage and take-out apparatus, the supporting means being movable horizontally in front and rear and left and right directions and also movable vertically.

12.(New) The tablet storage and take-out apparatus as in claim 4, further comprising a supporting member for supporting the photographing means on the body of the tablet storage and take-out apparatus, the supporting means being movable horizontally in front and rear and left and right directions and also movable vertically.

13.(New) The tablet storage and take-out apparatus as in claim 5, further comprising a supporting member for supporting the photographing means on the body of the tablet storage and

take-out apparatus, the supporting means being movable horizontally in front and rear and left and right directions and also movable vertically.